

published for the competitive service in the Federal Personnel Manual.

(b) Employing agencies shall establish a promotion plan for all employees which is consistent with the Panama Canal Treaty and insofar as practicable, with the provisions of the merit promotion plan developed by the Office of Personnel Management for the competitive service.

**§ 253.47 Rotation of personnel.**

(a) United States citizen employees and other non-Panamanian employees appointed to a position subject to this part after September 30, 1979 shall be subject to a policy of periodic rotation in accordance with the Panama Canal Treaty and related agreements, except that the following individuals shall not be subject to such policy:

(1) An individual who was a permanent employee of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on September 30, 1979 and was transferred to a position in the Panama Canal Commission or another agency in the Republic of Panama on October 1, 1979 without a break in service.

(2) An individual who was separated from the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government by reason of a reduction in force on September 30, 1979 and was appointed to a position in the Panama Canal Commission before April 1, 1980, or

(3) An individual who was employed by a department on September 30, 1979 and continues in employment with an agency, other than the Panama Canal Commission, without a break in service.

(b) The head of each agency shall establish a policy of periodic rotation in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section and other applicable law. Such policy may except positions from rotation for sound administrative reasons. This section shall not preclude an agency other than the Commission from adopting a policy of periodic rotation of employees pursuant to other authority.

(c) Notwithstanding any Canal Area Career or Career-Conditional Appointment or acquisition of merit status, an employee may, in accordance with an agency's rotation policy, be removed from service after completion of the

service period under the rotation policy established under this section.

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**Subpart C—Conversion to Canal Area Career or Career-Conditional Appointments**

**§ 253.71 Eligibility.**

Incumbents of positions made subject to Subpart B of this part by revocation of an exclusion in § 253.8 or by other action, may be retained in their positions. Each retained incumbent without a personal or competitive status who is serving in a continuing position under a non-temporary appointment will become eligible for conversion to a Canal Area Career or Career-Conditional Appointment provided:

(a) He rendered 6 months satisfactory service in the position immediately prior to its inclusion under Subpart B of this part. Periods to be counted toward the 6-month period as an exception to the requirement for actual service shall be determined in accordance with the instructions applying to the competitive service as published in Chapter 315 of the Federal Personnel Manual.

(b) He meets the applicable qualification and suitability standards.

(c) His employing agency submits a timely recommendation which is approved by the PAPB.

**§ 253.72 Procedure.**

The employing agency shall recommend to the PAPB that the appointment of an eligible employee be converted. The recommendation shall be submitted not later than one year after the date that the position is brought within the coverage of Subpart B of this part. Upon approval by the PAPB, the conversion is effective as of the date of the employing agency's recommendation. Notice of the PAPB's decision together with the reasons therefor shall be given in writing to the agency and employee concerned and be made a part of the employee's official personnel folder.